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Subject: Ensuring Currency and Validity of IQCS Records for Employees in IFPM Designated Positions

All Bureau of Land Management (BLM) employees in Interagency Fire Program Management (IFPM) designated positions must meet IFPM qualification standards by the October 1, 2010 implementation deadline. Recent review of Interagency Qualification and Certification System (IQCS) records indicates that a number of designated employees either do not meet requirements, or their IFPM position has not been entered on the IFPM Job Data page in IQCS. All BLM supervisors of IFPM designated employees should validate pertinent IQCS data and ensure that employees are on track to meet the implementation deadline.

For information on recently modified IFPM qualification requirements, see the National Wildfire Coordinating Group's IFPM Decision Paper #4, "Modification of Interagency Fire Program Management Minimum Qualification Standards—Mid Course Review" at http://www.ifpm.nifc.gov/documents/nwcg/NWCG_Memorandum_IFPM_Decision_Paper-4.pdf.

Adjustments have been made to IQCS to reflect the modified IFPM qualifications. Both regular and new IQCS users should familiarize themselves with these changes. A training module on data entry and database query is available on the IQCS website at <http://iqcs.nwcg.gov>. Click on the "Training" link to access the modules.

Please refer questions to Ted Mason, BLM Fire Management Training Unit Program leader, 208-387-5334.

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